



## Project Update: Central Way and 6<sup>th</sup> Street Intersection Improvements

June 29, 2011



Planning

Design

Construction

Complete

- **Increase intersection efficiency**
- **Improve pedestrian and bicycle safety**
- **Upgrade capacity and sustainability of infrastructure**

*Thank you for your continued patience and cooperation as we near completion of the improvements to this important intersection.*

**What:** We are pleased to report that construction of the Central Way and 6<sup>th</sup> Street Intersection is nearing completion. The Project is funded by a \$2 million State of Washington Community Trade and Economic Development Grant and \$50,000 from the City's Capital Improvement Program. This Phase 1 of the intersection improvement was designed and constructed to be compatible with future improvements to 6<sup>th</sup> Street (Phase 2 of the Project) that will occur concurrent with the redevelopment of Kirkland Parkplace. The redevelopment of Kirkland Parkplace will include adding one new southbound lane on 6<sup>th</sup> Street between Central Way and 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue; once the second southbound lane is completed, a second left turn from Central Way will be opened (where the new landscaped median is now being installed).

**When:** Construction began in mid April, 2011, and the intersection is scheduled to be fully operational to traffic by July 11, 2011; there will be ongoing work in and around the intersection throughout July. However, traffic and parking impacts will be minimal after July 11. Work hours will continue to be between 7:00 am and 6:00 pm each week day.

### Complete:

- ✓ Removed vegetation and unhealthy trees to increase visibility of the Trail entrance on the southeast corner of the intersection.
- ✓ Increased the capacity/efficiency of utility infrastructure (including fiber optic, water, electrical, and surface water systems).
- ✓ Reduced footprint by 3,000 square feet to increase pervious surface and allow stormwater infiltration.
- ✓ Installed new energy efficient street lights and signals on new decorative poles.
- ✓ Removed outdated pedestrian islands and provided more standard/urban pedestrian crossings.
- ✓ Replaced aging and significantly "rutted" asphalt pavement in and around the intersection.
- ✓ Extended the lifecycle and sustainability of road surface by installing concrete roadway (five out of 6 panels are complete) instead of asphalt pavement as a replacement driving surface.
- ✓ Added bicycle presence detection for signal operations.
- ✓ Replaced curb, gutter and sidewalk at corners of intersection (four out of five complete).
- ✓ Installed latest Americans with Disability Act (ADA) pedestrian crossing technologies.
- ✓ Reconstructed and realigned Central Way landscaped medians (future westbound 2nd left turn lane).

### Scheduled for July:

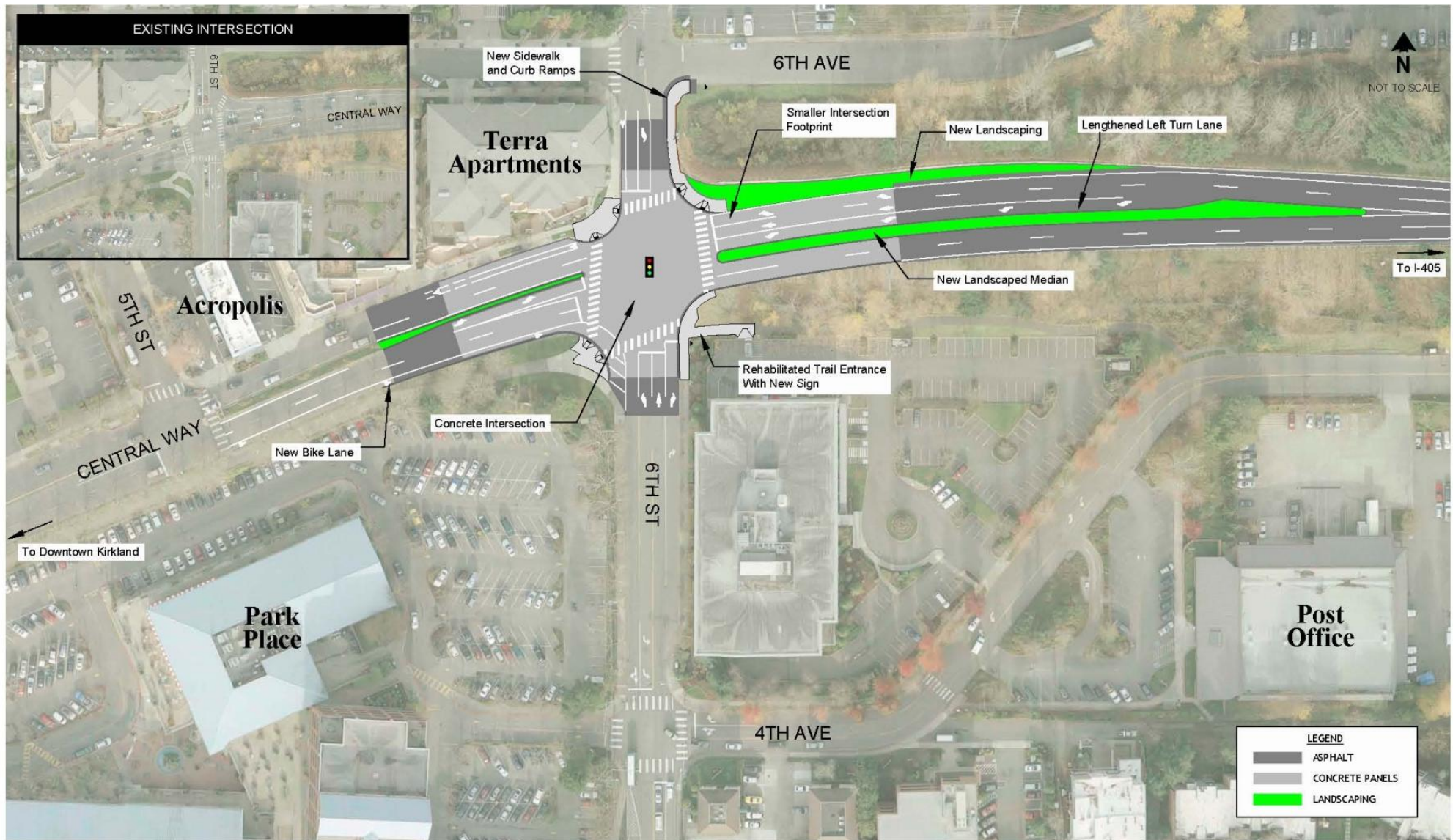
- Pour final concrete panel on Central Way to complete the roadway restoration.
- Complete the asphalt transitions between new concrete roadway and existing asphalt road.
- Install porous concrete sidewalk on 6<sup>th</sup> Street and new sidewalk at northwest corner of intersection.
- Install Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) components to allow for remote monitoring and control of the intersection to improve efficiency.
- Improve pedestrian way finding signage and connection to the Eastside Rail Corridor and I405.
- Landscape median island and adjacent shoulders.

For current information: go to [www.ci.kirkland.wa.us](http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us) and search Central Way & 6<sup>th</sup> Street, or call the construction hotline for updates: (425) 587-3838.

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## 6th Street and Central Way Intersection Improvements - Phase 1

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